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Heavy snow for south-west Britain

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The battle between the cold air currently over the UK and milder conditions trying to push in from the Atlantic will be a feature of our weather this week.

Heavy snowfall is forecast for parts of south-west England and South Wales on Tuesday as an Atlantic weather system moves in against the cold air.

Steve Willington, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, says: “In these situations there is a fine balance between whether we get rain or snow. Fresh snowfall of 5-10 cm is expected across many areas, with up to 30 cm and blizzards over higher ground. The snow is likely to turn to rain across much of Cornwall and on the southern coasts of south-west England and South Wales on Tuesday evening.”

Elsewhere, the very cold weather has eased its grip slightly across much of the country. Daytime temperatures will be above freezing across many areas, leading to a slow thaw of lying snow; however, frosts are still expected at night – causing ice to re-form.

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